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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING AT LEAST  
TWO RECORDABLE LAYERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Prior to examination and calculation of fees, please enter the following  
Preliminary Amendment and the accompanying remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) Optical recording medium [(1)] comprising:  
two information carrier layers [(2, 3),] on which information can be written by  
means of a focused light beam[,];

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a separating layer [(8) arranged] disposed between said information carrier  
layers [(2, 3),]; and

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30 [a] two transparent covering [layer (4, 5), which is arranged] layers, each one  
of said transparent covering layer disposed between a respective one of said  
information carrier layer [(2, 3)] and a respective surface [(6, 7)] of the recording  
medium [(1) and whose] , said transparent covering layers having <sup>α</sup> thickness that  
substantially exceeds [that] the thickness of said information carrier [layer (2, 3)]  
layers, wherein both information carrier layers [(2, 3)] are semi-transparent.

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2. (Amended) Optical recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein both  
information carrier layers [(2, 3)] can be read from both sides, but can be written to  
only from one side [in each case].